

## Legitimate Repentance

...has to be sincere.

...has to address the particular sin.

...has to assuage to one offended.

...ought to have a meaningful plan to right the wrong. (restitution)

...needs to have a meaningful plan to prohibit the sin in the future.

## Humble Three-Step

1. I have sinned against you. I am sorry for...
2. Will you please forgive me?
  - a. This is what I am going to do for you...
  - b. How can I make it up to you?...
3. In the future I will... This is what I will or won't do in the future... This is how I will handle it in the future...

If you want to keep Restitution separate from Repentance, then just separate 2a and 2b from the outline and deal with it separately.

Following these guidelines will help make a very difficult procedure much easier. Telling someone his sin and being prepared in your heart to forgive him is very hard. (See the disciples' request in Luke 17:5). It can be made easier by implementing these simple steps.

Make sure that in your effort to *rebuke and confront your brother with his sin against you* that you do not fall into sin yourself by having a hard heart and being prone to offense if he does not repent as you think he ought to do.

## Scriptures

Luke 17:1-5ff

Mt. 18

Mt. 5:23-24